

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MALACOLOGICAL UNION

The American Malacological Union held its Fifth Annual Meeting in the Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo, New York, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 27, 28 and 29, 1935. Calvin Goodrich, vice-president of the Union, presided at all sessions in the absence of the president, William J. Clench, who was on an expedition to the Bahamas. Addresses of welcome were given by Chauncey J. Hamlin, president of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, and John E. Andrews, president of the Conchological Section of the Society, responded to by Mrs. Ida S. Oldroyd, honorary president of the Union.

The following papers were read: Thursday afternoon, "Pteropoda" by Joshua L. Baily, Jr.; "Collecting in Guatemala" by Henry Vander Schalie. Thursday evening, "Methods of Dispersal of Mollusks" by Junius Henderson. Friday morning, "Conchology in Buffalo" by Carlos E. Cummings, Director of the Museum; "The Development of Spines in *Melania setosa*" by Calvin Goodrich; "Some of the Difficulties Encountered by Commercial Oyster Growers of the Pacific Coast" by C. Austin Barker; "Collecting Snails in Utah" by Elmer G. Berry; "Fossil Non-Marine Mollusks of North America" by Junius Henderson. Friday afternoon, "Eight Weeks on the Dredge Boat and Its Results" by Ida S. Oldroyd; "A Mollusk New to the Great Basin" by Calvin Goodrich; "Some Land Shell Localities in Illinois" by Frank Collins Baker; "The Beginnings of the American Malacological Union" by Norman W. Lermond. The Annual Dinner was held at Hotel Statler on Friday evening, speakers being John E. Andrews, Junius Henderson and Frank Collins Baker.

Saturday was given over to field trips. East Aurora was visited in the morning, where an hour was spent in collecting in Cazenovia Creek, following a tour of the Roycroft Shops. After luncheon at the Roycroft Inn the party proceeded to Niagara Falls where mollusks were gathered from the rocks at the foot of the American Falls. Crossing the river at Lewiston to the Canadian side, Niagara Glen was visited for collecting before the return to Buffalo.

The Council for the ensuing year consists of the following: Mrs. Ida S. Oldroyd, honorary president; Calvin Goodrich, president; Joshua L. Baily, Jr., vice-president; Norman W. Lermond, corresponding secretary; Imogene C. Robertson, financial secretary; Henry A. Pilsbry, Paul Bartsch, William J. Clench, Junius Henderson.

At the business meeting held on Thursday evening a resolution was passed that the Union petition the New York State Museum to hasten if possible the publication of the work by Dr. Henry A. Pilsbry on the New York State Mollusca, the manuscript of which was completed some years ago. It is much needed.

Capt. W. A. Read's invitation to hold the meeting for 1936 in St. Petersburg, Florida, was accepted with pleasant anticipations. Invitations to Ann Arbor for 1937 and San Diego for 1938 have been received with thanks and tentatively accepted.

A more detailed account of the meeting with list of members has been printed separately and may be obtained free of charge from the financial secretary, Mrs. Imogene C. Robertson, Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo, New York.

IMOGENE C. ROBERTSON,
Financial Secretary.

WARREN H. ESHNAUR

The Conchological Club of Southern California, sustained a severe loss in the passing on January 10, 1935, of Mr. Warren H. Eshnaur at his home in Bellflower, California.

Mr. Eshnaur was in his 75th year, having been born in June, 1860, at Hannibal, Mo. He brought his family to Terminal Island near San Pedro in 1903, and he and his wife were active members of the group of collectors who lived in this vicinity and brought so many species to light before harbor improvements interfered with the collecting. Mr. Eshnaur was a railroad engineer for a great many years but retired about 15 years before his death. After his retirement he made his home in Bellflower, but made eight trips to Florida, and one to Canada which added many species to an already large collection.

As the Conchological Club of Southern California was originally composed of ladies only, Mr. Eshnaur did not become a